

## **Region 3 GPRA Baseline RCRA Corrective Action Facility**

# **OMG Americas**

**2 Mile Run Road  
Franklin, PA 16323  
Congressional District 5  
EPA ID #: PAD014130439  
Last Updated 6/30/2005**

## **Current Progress at the Site**

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OMG is using the PADEP Act 2 Program to investigate and remediate the site. A Remedial Investigation Report, which is equivalent to a Site Characterization Report, was received in April, 2004. The results were combined with results obtained from previous investigations. The investigations determined that soils, groundwater, surface water, and sediments were impacted with a combination of volatile organic compounds (VOCs), semi-volatile compounds (SVOCs), and/or heavy metals above their respective standards.

A final report including a risk assessment is expected to be submitted by the end of the summer of 2005. EPA will evaluate the data gathered and determine if further remediation is necessary. EPA will assure all actions have been taken to protect human health and the environment.

## **Site Description**

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The OMG Facility is an approximately 55 acre site located about 2 miles north of Franklin, PA. Manufacturing occupies about half of the property. The Facility is bordered by two small streams; Two Mile Run and Race Run. Both streams flow southeast to the Allegheny River.

OMG operates a chemical manufacturing plant which they purchased from Mooney Chemicals in 1991. Mooney Chemicals bought the company in 1964 from Mobil Oil who had owned it since the 1920s. In 1994, Mooney Chemicals changed its name to OMG Americas.

OMG Americas is a large quantity generator which manufactures metal carboxylates and inorganic cobalt salts for industrial purposes. The facility also manufactures cobalt salts and non-cadmium type PVC stabilizers. These industrial chemicals are used as paint and ink driers, additives for lubricating oils, catalysts for the chemical and polymer industries, and other uses.

EPA and EPA's contractor conducted an Environmental Indicator (EI) inspection at this facility on June 30, 2000 to determine if RCRA Corrective Action is necessary.

Based on this inspection and information submitted by OMG, EPA has determined there are two

identifiable releases of concern. One is an area impacted by a release from a leaking mineral spirits transfer pipeline. The pipe was repaired in 1974-1975. The area was remediated and monitoring continues.

The second is an area formerly used to store waste filter cakes. Filter cakes were produced from the filtration of metal carboxylate. These filter cakes were stored on the ground until 1980 when the practice was halted and contaminated soils were removed. The area is now covered by asphalt.

## **Site Responsibility**

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RCRA Corrective Action activities at this facility are being performed jointly by EPA Region 3 and PADEP. OMG is using the PADEP Act 2 Program to investigate and remediate the site.

## **Contaminants**

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Surface Soil: Benzene, Ethylbenzene, and Lead

Subsurface Soil: Benzo(a) Pyrene, Antimony, Arsenic, Barium, Cadmium, Cobalt, Copper, Lead, Nickel, Silver, and Thallium.

Groundwater: Benzene, Naphthalene, Arsenic, Barium, Lead, Nickel, and Silver.

Surface Water: Silver

Sediment: Pyrene, Cobalt, Lead, and Thallium.

## **Community Interaction**

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If there is further action, EPA will inform the public.

## **Institutional Controls**

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There are currently no institutional controls established at this facility.

## **Government Contact**

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